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COMPOUNDS AND METHODS FOR MODULATING For: CLAUDIN-MEDIATED FUNCTIONS

BOX NON-FEE AMENDMENT ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON DC 20231

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.

- [X] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.
- A verified statement to establish small entity status under CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- A Petition for an Extension of Time for month is enclosed.
- A General Authorization Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(3) is enclosed.
- [X] No additional claim fee is required.

Sir:

[] The fee has been calculated as shown.

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x 9	s		x 18	s
x 39	s		x 78	\$
+ 130	\$	OR	+ 260	\$
	\$			\$
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 - [X] Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
 - [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

20. (Amended) A modulating agent according to claim 8,

wherein Y_1 and Y_2 are each tryptophan or a derivative thereof, such that the covalent bond generates a $[\delta_1\delta_1$ -ditryptophan] $\underline{\delta_1\delta_1}$ -ditryptophan, or a derivative thereof.

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